

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED:**DAILY MASS**

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, June - August
 7:30 a.m. Wednesday from start of school year until May*

SCHOOL MASS

8:30 a.m. from start of school year until May*

**In the event of our school closing for inclement weather, on a Wednesday, Daily Mass will remain at 7:30 a.m. and the School Mass at 8:30 a.m. will be cancelled.*

***SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

5:00 p.m.

***SUNDAY MASSES**

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN - DOOR #3**OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

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DEVOTIONS:**DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Mary.
 Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the chapel
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RCIA - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.

BAPTISMS - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.

MARRIAGES - Weddings need to be scheduled at least 6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Remember to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please stop in the parish office to begin this process.

REGISTRATION - New to St. Mary? Please stop in the parish office to complete our registration form or visit our website at www.stmarymokena.org.

ANointing OF THE SICK - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE WITH GENEROSITY & JOY

Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.



The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar. ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

May 6 - May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Kathy Mihalek Susan Rizzo	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	Roberta Dreifke	Barb Cianchetti
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski Karen Sayon Andrea Taylor	Susan Rizzo Nancy Santry Stefanie Walthier Christine Weeks	Joe Austin Frank Dundek Frank Grobmeier Pamela Sanders	Nancy Blake Remo Lucci Bob Meyers Louise Szura	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe
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Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz Roy Mueller	John Delladio Joanne Eaton Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Linda Drake Mike Rolinitis Melissa Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Sandy Halper	NOT FILLED	Carolyn Farhat	NOT FILLED
Live Stream			Cyndi Grobmeier		

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Greeters for their dedication and outstanding service.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 1

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl (Fatima)
 4:00 p.m. Children RCIA (Fatima)
 4:30 p.m. Teen Sacrament Prep (Lourdes)
 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, May 2

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 7:30 a.m. Preschool 3 Picnic
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 4:45 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal (Church and Guadalupe)
 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Lourdes)

Wednesday, May 3

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart (Guadalupe)
 3:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice (Church)
 4:45 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal (Church and Guadalupe)
 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Church)
 6:30 p.m. RCIA (Fatima)

Thursday, May 4

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 12:00p.m. Athletic Banquet Set Up (Church Hall-All Rooms)
 6:30 p.m. Athletic Banquet (Church Hall-All Rooms)

Friday, May 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, May 6

Spring Mission Appeal (Church)

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Canceled Confessions)
 10:00a.m. First Holy Communion Group 1
 1:00 p.m. First Holy Communion Group 2
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 7

Spring Mission Appeal (Church)

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
 8:00 a.m. Mass
 9:30 a.m. School Mass, CCW Woman of the Year Mass
 11:00a.m. RE End of the Year Mass
 12:30p.m. Baptisms (Church)
 3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

ALL ARE INVITED



SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
 11:00 A.M.
 ST. MARY CHURCH
 DEACON LUIS RON'S MASS
 FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN
 THE CHURCH HALL

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 Challenge on
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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 1

8:00am: Dorothy Wiora

Tuesday, May 2

8:00am: Paul Pepper, Pat Budzyn, Larry Bahnman Jr., David and Margaret Heniff 70th Wedding Anniversary, William Duszynski

Wednesday, May 3

7:30am: Peter Prancus

8:30am: The Parishioners of St. Mary

Thursday, May 4

8:00am: Judah Hartl

Friday, May 5

8:00am: Tom Genovese

Saturday, May 6

8:00am: Dana Szwet

5:00pm: Robert W. Nolan, Dolores Harzich, Paulette Cronk, Jim Klutcharch, Joan Conversa, Ronald Stopka, Larry Bahnman Jr., Margaret Jager, The Butkus, Sinal and Ksiazek Families

Sunday, May 7

8:00am: David McKay

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Ken and Stan Ruminski

6:00pm: Charles and Marceline Jager

Please Pray for the Newly Baptized



Kinsley May Dalcorrobo,
Liam Kerrigan Laude

May God Bless the Little Ones

God Bless Our New Parishioners

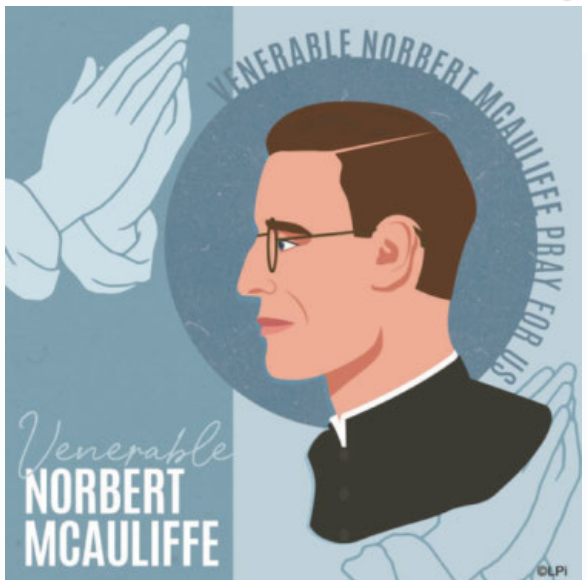
The Pipala Family,
The Nilles Family



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Ann Beranek, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Jerry Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Dobrick, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliuolo, Bradley Frank, Mary Ann Franson, MaryAnne Flanagan, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Rose Grunhard, Kelly Hampton, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin, Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastiak, Lorraine Peppmuller, Thomas O'Rourke, Matthew Orr, Bob Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Katherine Shanahan, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Jan Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor, Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, Dave Thompson, John Turas, Judy Turas, Anne Wadsworth, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Sarah Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yeager

May God grant them healing!

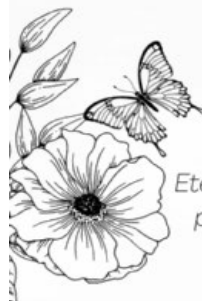


Saint of the Week

An American-born missionary known for his work in Uganda with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Venerable Norbert McAuliffe was nicknamed The Man Who Always Prays by those he served. His work continues to this day through the leadership of the many African Brothers he formed.

Please pray for our Faithfully departed Brothers and Sisters

Ann Beranek, Lois White,
Carmelina Evans



*Eternal rest grant unto them and let
perpetual light shine upon them!*

Diocese of Joliet

Office of the Bishop



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April 20, 2023

Dear Friends,

This year's national date for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports four of the ten dioceses in the United States considered home mission dioceses. The challenges for these dioceses include small Catholic populations, limited financial resources, vast and often difficult terrain and a shortage of priests and religious who impact the vital pastoral ministries.

An example of a beneficiary for this collection is the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of the Eastern Rite that is in full communion with the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. When war broke out in Ukraine in 2022, one of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies (Eparchy – as Eastern Rite dioceses are called) in Stamford, Connecticut supported the refugee families' material and pastoral needs.

With support from the Catholic Home Missions, the eparchy was able to adapt and respond to those most in need during the ongoing crisis. The parish appeal, bulletin announcements, and social media tool kit along with other free resources available for you and your staff can be found at: www.usccb.org/home-missions

Please support this essential appeal by mentioning this second collection "Catholic Home Mission Appeal" the weekend of April 29-30, 2023.

Let us all become missionary disciples by strengthening the resources available to those dioceses who benefit from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and putting our faith into action.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald A. Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



Saint Mary
MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to our May meeting
to discuss the following scenes from

The CHOSEN

*Samaritan Woman
Wedding Cana
Nicodemus
Walking on Water*



SATURDAY, MAY 20

8am Mass - 10:30am

**St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall**

**Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
SMPmensministry@gmail.com**



FIT SHEPHERDS

CALLING ALL MEN!!!!

Get stronger, grow in holiness, become a Fit Shepherd.

Join your fellow brothers Wednesdays at 5:00 AM and
Saturdays at 7:00 AM in the St. Mary parking lot for an
outdoor workout and brief reflection. All fitness levels
are welcome; modifications are provided.

Any questions, please contact Patrick Fulton
(pmfulton@hotmail.com)



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Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our parish.

We depend on your support to continue the operations of St. Mary as well as those of its many ministries. We ask that you consider supporting the parish through Online Giving.

For those not currently contributing online and would like to learn how to, please consider signing up at

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarymokena/funds> .

By doing this, you are saving and supporting the great work we have done and will continue to do in our future.

For those of us that do not want to give online,
you can still contribute by mailing your donations
to:

19515 S. 115th Avenue
Mokena, IL 60448

The Offertory for Easter was

Online Giving	\$13,258.50
Envelopes	<u>\$45,337.10</u>
	\$58,595.60

The Offertory for Sunday, April 16th was

Online Giving	\$12,331.65
Envelopes	<u>\$21,141.52</u>
	\$33,473.17

The Offertory for Sunday, April 23rd was

Online Giving	\$12,863.40
Envelopes	<u>\$18,232.96</u>
	\$31,096.36

Budget \$32,500

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
(1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn
10:22-30

Wednesday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn
14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn
14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt
2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.

This week the readings focus our attention to the voice of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, **"They recognize his voice."** He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

— *Father John Muir*

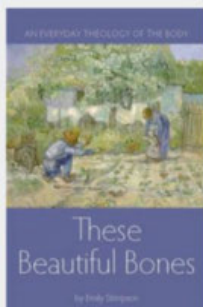
Women's Book Club

These Beautiful Bones: An Everyday Theology of the Body

BY EMILY STIMPSON

Join women of all ages to discuss this insightful book which will guide us to learn together about the beauty of who God made us to be.

**MAY 17 AT 7PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**



Please read Chapter 5 through end of the book.

Contact Marcy with any questions,
marcymarie24@gmail.com

Moms Podcast Club

Join other Catholic moms of school-age children and younger for conversation on the "Abiding Together" podcast.

**Tuesday, May 16
at 9:00am
in the Church Hall
Bride Part 4:
Fruitful Love
Season 11, Episode 16**

Listen to podcast prior to gathering (search "Abiding Together" wherever you listen to podcasts) but even if you don't get to it, we'd love to have you join the conversation with us!

Children are welcome and snacks and toys are provided.

Questions?

Email DKuboushek@StMaryMokena.org



Meet other families at:

STAY AND PLAY

**Sunday, April 30th
Following 9:30 a.m. Mass
Willowview Park
(weather permitting)**

Coffee and snacks provided.



ULTIMATE NIGHT

Join other young adults for the ultimate prayer followed by ultimate frisbee.

**SATURDAY, MAY 13
6:30PM ROSARY
7:00PM FRISBEE**

We'll meet at 6:30pm for the rosary in the chapel off the main church at St. Marys. Then we'll head to Willowview Park for ultimate frisbee. Please RSVP to hanfnk19@gmail.com to ensure we have enough for a game!

BELONG:

A Retreat for Catholic Young Adults

Everyone ages 18-40 is invited to a day of reflection on living your Catholic faith in a secular world. Enjoy talks on this topic, the chance to make connections with other young Catholics, time in Adoration, and more!

Hosted by L'Alto Young Adult Network and Notre Dame Young Adults

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2023

Mt. Assisi Retreat Center,
13820 Main St., Lemont

\$30/PERSON

9:30am Mass (optional)

Retreat begins with light breakfast at 10am

Lunch Included, Ends at 3pm

Limited Capacity! Register today at www.stmarymokena.org/belong

Please register by May 27.

Questions? Contact dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org or ndyoungadultgroup@gmail.com





Diaper Bag Drive Grand Finale!

Join us for the finale!
Fill the Bags!



Sunday Night, April 30
School Gym - 7pm

MAY 21 IS DONUT **SUNDAY!**



**All Proceeds go toward the cost of
our bus for the Steubenville
Conference**

COMING EVENTS!

May 7
Mass & YM Gathering
May 21
YM Family Night
Cookout & Senior
Recognition

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

St. Mary Youth Ministry

Leadership Sunday



Obedient



Trust



Compassion



Faithful
Courage



Humility

Resolute





Religious
Education

MOUNT CARMEL SUMMER CAMP!

JULY 17-21

Join us for faith-filled fun, activities, and
games

Grades 1-6: 9am- 2pm

Grades 7-8: 6:30pm-9:00pm

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Mokena, IL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
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whole Parish
community

This camp replaces Totus Tuus

ST. MARY SCHOOL GALA 2023



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**OUR VISION**

WE ARE A HOME THAT LOVES THE
ABANDONED, ORPHANED, NEGLECTED,
INDIGENT AND SURRENDERED
INFANTS AND CHILDREN AND BRING
THEM TO BECOME CLOSER TO JESUS
AND TO BE TOTALLY
DEPENDENT ON GOD.

OUR MISSION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDE A
HOME FOR THE ORPHANED, NEGLECTED,
INDIGENT AND SURRENDERED INFANTS
AND CHILDREN AND TO GUIDE THEM
TOWARD A WHOLESOME LIFE
DEVELOPMENT AND TO BECOME
SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS
TOWARD IN THE CARMELITE
SPIRITUALITY AND THE BVMC WAY.

PRIORITY CORE VALUES

TRAINED WITH SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES OF
THE BVMC WAY OF LIFE, EVERY
CHILD RECOGNIZES THE GRACE OF
FAITH, RESPECT, ACCEPTANCE, HOPE,
HONESTY, SIMPLICITY AND COMMIT-
MENT TO WORK WITH RIGHT OBEDI-
ENCE OF THE LAWS OF THE CHURCH
AND OF THE LAND.

Spring Mission Appeal May 6 & 7



A note from Sr. Lumen L. Gudes, BVMC

We are a diocesan congregation in the diocese of Bacolod Negros Occidental Philippines and I am a Sister of the Blessed Virgin Missionaries of Carmel (BVMC) founded 1971. Our Mission is to take care of the souls of those who are in the home for the aged including retired priests and the very tough mission taking care of the homeless, orphaned, abandoned, neglected and those in extreme poverty.

We have two orphanages in the Philippines one in Bacolod and other one in Dipolog city Zamboanga del norte. My cause now is for our orphanage including the food, education and for health fund. After the pandemic, operations were badly affected financially, but God is good all the time so no room to be afraid and operations go smoothly with unquestionable faith. As of this time we have 27 kids in our center in the Bacolod city and 20 in Mindanao Area. The youngest that we have now is two months old and the eldest is already in her 2nd year in college and took up an IT degree in a university.

I am appealing from your parish for the needs of our kids in the Philippines. Thank you for allowing me to give you some information about the orphanage. I am humbled to be invited to your parish and hoping a hundred percent granted for the love of Jesus.

In the service of our Lord,

Sister Lumen L. Gudes, BVMC
The newly elected Superior General of the BVMC Congregation





Join us for to pray the Holy Rosary in church Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

The first Monday of each month is dedicated to the protection of the unborn.



Into Life with Our Blessed Mother

UNDERSTANDING THE FEARS AND HEART OF A PREGNANT MOTHER

A special event with the Sisters of Life

Wednesday, May 10

5:30-8:30pm

Dinner and presentations



Sister Faith Marie, SV

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The Council of Catholic Women

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, **April 26th** 7:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass

Sunday, May 7

Woman of the Year Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass honoring

Judy Poces!



There will be a Board Meeting on Wednesday,
May 10h at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall
Fatima Room.

May 13 & 14

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STYROFOAM SUNDAY

April 30th

Please drop items at the trailer in the parking
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Council Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 9th in the Church Hall,
Guadalupe Room at 7:00 p.m.

Food and social hour will precede at
6:00 p.m. if you want to come early.

The next Officer Meeting will be
in the Church Hall **Tuesday, May 23rd**

The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,
May 3rd 1:00 pm – 3:00 p.m. in the
Church Hall.

Contact Emily (708) 479-2093 or
Ann Norkus (708) 699-5018 for information.

The Widow and Widowers Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at
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